ventional type question papers of the preceding examinations for the benefit of candidates for the following examinations :—

(i) Civil Services (Main) Examination;

(ii) Engineering Services Examination;

(iii) Indian Forest Service Examination;

(iv) IES/ISS Examination;

(v) Section Officers/Stenographers (Group 'B'/Grade I) Limited Departmental Competitive Examination.

These pamphlets are available for sale from the 'Kitab Mahal' and some other outlets. In the case of SSC, most of the question papers are of objective type.

The Staff Selection Commission, however, brings out a quarterly journal "Lodestar" (in English) and "Dhruvtara" (in Hindi) containing useful guidance material, including sample questions, for the candidates appearing for their major examinations. This journal is quite popular with the candidates. The existing steps being taken by the Union Public Service Commission for the guidance of candidates for their examinations are considered adequate.

Ban on recruitment in Central Government Services

1306. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY
SHRI SUKUMAL SEN

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a ban on the recruitment in the Central Government Services/offices still exists;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such action is accelerating the accute problem of unemployment in our country; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to lift ban on recruitment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : (a) to (c) Government have not issued any general orders putting a total ban on recruitment for Government jobs.

1307. [*Transferred to 16th March, 1993.*]

Obtaining employment as Secretary to Government of India

1308. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the present system or procedure for empaneling Officers from All India Service for the post of Secretary to Government of India.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : The Cabinet Secretary prepares proposals for consideration of Government regarding inclusion of names of officers from All India Services in the panel of officers adjudged suitable for appointment to the posts of Secretary to the Government of India. In this task, the Cabinet Secretary may be assisted by a Special Committee of Secretaries. Inclusion in such panels is through a process of strict selection and evaluation of such qualities as merit, competence, leadership and flair for participating in the policy-making process. The posts at these levels at the Centre are not considered as posts for the betterment of promotion prospects of any Service and the needs of the Central Government are given paramount consideration.

संयुक्त सचिवों के नए पद

1309. **श्री राम जेठमलानी** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 17 फरवरी, 1993 के पायनियर में "आई. ए. एस. आफिसर्स मूव टू केपचर आई. आई. एस.

पोस्टस'' शीर्षक से छपे समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि गत कुछ महीनों में केन्द्रीय सेवाओं के अंतर्गत संयुक्त सचिवों के लगभग 70 नए पद सृजित किए गए हैं;

(ग) यदि हां, तो जनवरी, 1993 तक ऐसी कितनी नियुक्तियां की गईं;

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि इसके परिणामस्वरूप प्रशासनिक व्यय में वृद्धि होगी; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो कितनी ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त भार (श्रीमती मारग्रेट आल्वा) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां ।

(ग) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Identification of some specified backward Districts for development activities

1310. SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have identified some specified backward districts for developmental activities; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government and the various financial institutions to reduce disparities in assistance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) Responsibility for identification of backward districts/areas and their development rests primarily with the concerned State Government. Most of the State Governments have identified such backward areas/districts. Schemes drawn up by them for development of these areas include incentives like capital investment subsidy, deferment/exemption of sale tax, subsidy for purchase of generating set etc.

The Central Government helps the State Government through the mechanism of transfer of resources under modified formula previously known as 'Gadgil Formula', under Special Area Programmes, and devolution of non-Plan resources by the Finance Commission.

Finance institutions like IDBI, IFCI & ICICI have some schemes of incentives comprising concessional rate of interest and underwriting commission, lower promoters' contribution and concession in commitment charges for backward districts.

NDC Committee on Medical Education in the country

1311. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the sub-committee set up by the NDC on medical education in the country has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by it; if not the reasons therefor and by when it is likely to be submitted; and

(c) the composition of the committee and the number of times it has met, so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) No, Sir.